

# Diploma in Aligner Orthodontics

2025 London

**Course Information Booklet** 

## Hello and Welcome!

Welcome to one of UK's most hands-on dental training academies where you will be receiving the best hands-on teaching in the field of aligner orthodontics.

Please read through this booklet carefully as it contains details of the nature of the course as well as contact information.

We hope you enjoy the course as much as we have putting it together.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require any further information.

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## The Course

The diploma is designed for GDP's who are looking to upgrade their knowledge in orthodontics so that they can confidently and safely provide aligner treatments for their patients. The course teaches fundamental and advanced orthodontics and its application to aligner therapy from diagnosis and treatment to retention.

The course is taught over two years. Year 1 consists of 10 face-to-face teaching days with practical hands-on training. Year 2 consists of monthly webinars designed to consolidate the teaching from year 1 and mentor delegates through cases they are treating and planning on treating.

One-to-one mentorship and support for cases being treated during the course will be provided on the face-to-face teaching days and online via our mentorship portal.

The course is delivered by Matthew Clover.

Matthew Clover is a specialist orthodontist with over 20 years' experience in military, hospital, NHS and private practice.

He qualified as a dentist from Guy's Hospital in 1998 and joined the British Army, winning the prestigious Sandhurst Cup as best cadet.

He worked in the UK and Germany and completed overseas tours in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Kenya, Ascension Island and Oman.

Following a year as a senior house officer in Maxillofacial Surgery in Portsmouth, he successfully gained a place to study orthodontics at Bristol University and in 2008 was awarded a doctorate in Orthodontics, full accreditation with the General Dental Council as a specialist in orthodontics and the prestigious Harry Orton Prize as the top academic orthodontist in his year.

He worked as an associate in practice for 5 years before buying two specialist orthodontic practices in Salisbury, UK.

He has been an accredited provider of Invisalign and Incognito for over 12 years and has published articles in several peer-reviewed journals. He has lectured to dentists and orthodontists on topics as varied as self-ligation, aligner mechanics, thumb sucking cessation and interceptive orthodontics.

He has an interest in the links between dental and physical well-being and enjoys sifting through the facts and fiction surrounding dental health trends.

He divides his time between working at his clinic in Salisbury, lecturing, studying new orthodontic techniques, spending time with his family and keeping fit.

## Accreditation

The course is EduQual Level 7 accredited which leads to a post-graduate diploma in Aligner orthodontics. This is subject to a satisfactory presentation of a clinical portfolio and an MCQ exam. If you do not wish to partake in the accreditation, you are still able to complete the course without being accredited.

In year 1 each day is worth 7 verifiable 'Continued Professional Development' (CPD) hours and in year 2 each webinar is worth 1.5 CPD hours and is in accordance with the GDC's enhanced CPD programme. Certificates will be given in December 2022 and at the end of the course.

## **Dress Code**

There is no formal dress code for the course.

### Venues:

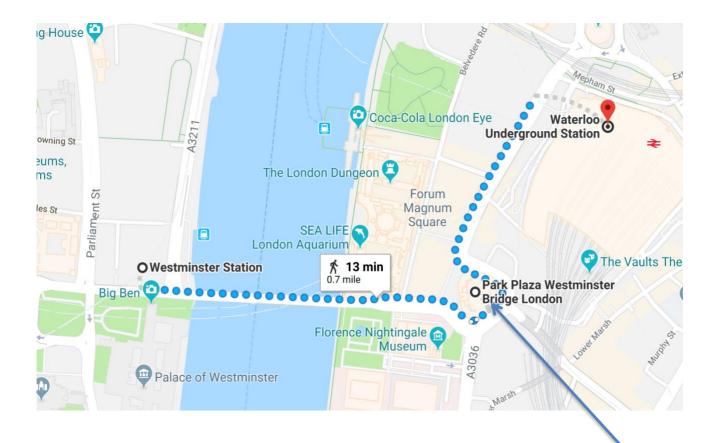
The course is held at:

#### Park Plaza, Westminster Bridge

200 Westminster Bridge Road London SE1 7UT United Kingdom

#### How to get there:

The closest underground stations are Waterloo (Mainline, Jubilee, Northern and Bakerloo lines) and Westminster (Jubilee, Circle and District lines), both 5-7 minutes walk to the hotel.



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## **Syllabus**

#### <u>Year 1</u>

#### DAY 1: Orthodontic Assessment, Diagnosis & Consent

Introduction to the course History of orthodontic treatment Taking an orthodontic history Conducting an orthodontic examination Special tests Writing a problem list and making a diagnosis Consent Orthodontic Risks

Hands on: Orthodontic examinations with 1:1 guidance

#### Day 2: Aligner Biomechanics I

Principles of orthodontics Biology of tooth movement Understand aligner mechanics & aligner treatment Anchorage Occlusion

Hands on: Treatment planning exercises

#### **Day 3: Aligner Biomechanics II**

Understand & fully learn how to use ClinCheck & Spark Approver Software Communication with orthodontic technicians Understanding how to assess and adjust your ClinCheck and Spark Approver Plan How to make changes to your Invisalign treatment plan

Hands on: Treatment planning exercises

#### **Day 4: Clinical Records**

Photography in orthodontics Camera, lens & flash selection Deep understanding of camera settings Take high quality impressions for orthodontic aligners Understand how to use an intra-oral scanner

#### Hands on:

Clinical photography Impressions Scanning

#### **Day 5: Aligner Treatment**

Understand how to use and place attachments Understand when and how to carry out IPR

Pontics

Auxiliaries

#### Hands on:

Placing attachments Interproximal reduction Placing Auxiliaries Pontic Painting Placing separators Button cut outs Button bonding Sectional fixed appliance & Bracket bonding

#### Day 6: Class I Malocclusions

How to diagnose, plan and execute treatment for Class I cases

Indications, treatment mechanics and limitations for expansion and distalisation

#### Hands on:

Treatment Planning Exercises

#### Day 7: Class II & Class III Malocclusions

How to diagnose, plan and execute treatment for Class II cases

How to diagnose, plan and execute treatment for Class III cases

**Advanced Treatment Mechanics** 

Overcorrection

**Overjet reductions** 

Intrusion/extrusion

#### Rotations

Inter-maxillary elastics

*Hands on: Treatment Planning Exercises* 

#### Day 8: Deep, Open and Cross Bites

Learn to treat deep, open & cross bites Aetiology, options for treatment and treatment mechanics Tracking Mid-course Corrections Refinement

> Hands on: Treatment Planning Exercises

#### **Day 9: Retention & Treatment Planning**

Retention Indications, designs, protocols for removable retainers Indications, designs, protocols for fixed retainers Consent for retention Troubleshooting

#### Hands on:

Fixed bonded retainers

#### Day 10: Orthodontic & Restorative Interface

Planning cases requiring restorative treatment Retention of teeth requiring restorative intervention

At the end of each day, clinical cases with varying complexity will be discussed and treatment planned. Delegates are encouraged to bring in cases they are currently treating in practice so we can help treatment plan and advise.

## **Course Dates:**

## Year 1:

Day:	Topic:	Date:	Location:
1	Orthodontic Assessment, Diagnosis & Consent	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Park Plaza, Waterloo
2	Aligner Biomechanics I	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Park Plaza, Waterloo
3	Aligner Biomechanics II	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Park Plaza, Waterloo
4	Clinical Records	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Park Plaza, Waterloo
5	Aligner Treatment	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Park Plaza, Waterloo
6	Class I Malocclusions	27 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	Park Plaza, Waterloo
7	Class II and Class III Malocclusions	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Park Plaza, Waterloo
8	Deep, Open & Cross Bites	12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Park Plaza, Waterloo
9	Retention & Treatment Planning	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Park Plaza, Waterloo
10	Orthodontic/Restorative Interface	7 <sup>th</sup> August 2026	Park Plaza, Waterloo

## Year 2:

Year 2 consists of online webinars conducted once a month in the evening. The webinars will focus on mentorship and treatment planning cases delegates are currently treating or thinking of treating. Year 2 will consolidate all the teaching from year 1 and expand orthodontic knowledge via treatment of delegates own cases which delegates will be walked through from start to finish.

Separately in year 2, delegates will continue to have access to the online mentorship portal where all cases currently being planned and treated can be discussed.

## **Course Fee:**

Total Cost: £9,400 + VAT

Payments can be made in instalments or as a single payment.

## **Booking:**

To reserve your place on the course please fill out the booking form which can be found at: <u>https://r535zigo8ph.typeform.com/to/gyxUWifc</u>

To confirm your place a deposit of £500 is required. This will be deducted from your final instalment.

Deposits should be transferred to:

Name: Aspire D Academy Sort code: 60-10-10 Account Number: 85935964

#### **Cancellation policy:**

You may cancel your registration and receive a full refund of your deposit within 10 days of your booking. Cancellations made after 10 days will not be eligible for a deposit refund.

#### **Instalment Deadlines:**

Date:	Amount:	
September 1st 2025	£2,350 + VAT	
December 1st 2025	£2,350 + VAT	
<b>March 2nd 2026</b>	£2,350 + VAT	
July 6 <sup>th</sup> 2026	£2,350 + VAT	

Payments are accepted through bank transfer. Cash, Credit Cards, Cheques and banker drafts are not accepted.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions:

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